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Memo to the File

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Personal Communication with Travis Collier, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery: May 24, 2016

John Abbotts, SEE enrollee in the NPDES Permits Unit, and I talked with Travis Collier and his colleagues Dave Carie and Malenna Capellini at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. In the course of getting the Hatchery set up for NetDMR submittals, pursuant to the E-Reporting regulations, the EPA noticed that the DMR for Leavenworth needed to be updated. NPU worked with the NPDES Compliance Unit to revise the DMR form for Leavenworth, and we shared the new form with the Permittee. The EPA requested that the Hatchery fill out the new form using data from the beginning of the Fiscal Year in October 2015 and submitted those months to our ICIS team using the new form. Travis at the Hatchery filled in the form as best as he understood it, and wanted to talk through it to make sure it was correct.

We first talked about the Hatchery's own internal Spreadsheet – they will use that to collect and store the raw data that they use to fill out the requirements on the DMR form. We agreed that the effluent flow data to be provided to the EPA on the DMR (monthly average and monthly maximum) should be the combination of all outfall flows for the month/total discharge. That will be collected on the Hatchery spreadsheet and on the DMR form.

We also talked through revised DMR form, making sure that the Hatchery understood what was required to be monitored and reported to the EPA. As we talked, we clarified that the Net TSS monitoring point was Outfall 1 and not the pollution abatement pond (Outfall 2). We also clarified that the intake on Icicle creek was required for the DMR/permit compliance, but if the Hatchery wanted to take samples on the inflow to the PA ponds on their own, that was fine with us. They are not required to report that on the DMR at this time, but it will help them determine the efficiency of their pollution abatements ponds to know the inflow and outfall concentrations.